11.	ONGC	4.83
12.	Public/Other Bodies-Corporate	0.90
	TOTAL:	100

*The shares lying under the GDR are presently held in the name of Bankers Trust Company acting as depository. However, in case any GDR will be converted into shares, the respective name will reflect in the shareholders list.

Blocks offered for bid under NELP in Bengal basin

100. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI KHAGEN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks offered for bid under NELP in Bengal basin;

(b) the location and names of the blocks (off-shore and onshore) ;

(c) the location-wise response to the bids received so far and the bids accepted, if any; and

(d) in case of lack of response the steps taken by Government to explore oil prospects in Hinge Zone between Calcutta and Diamond Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Two onland exploration blocks in the State of West Bengal and three offshore exploration blocks in Bengal offshore basin (including Northern East Coast Offshroe area) were offered in the first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)-1999.

The name of the blocks, locations and details of bids for these blocks are given in the statement.

The Hinge Zone in the Bengal basin has been targeted for

exploration by ONGC. ONGC has drilled 10 wells in this area for various prospects. The block WB-ONN-97/1 offered under first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) also covered some part of the Hinge area. This block alongwith other unbid blocks could be offered during future NELP rounds on merits.

Statement

Name of block	Location	No, of Bids received	Status
ONLAND	-		
PA-ONN-97/1	Northern part of West Bengal State.	—	—
WB-ONN-97/1	Southern part of West Bengal State.	—	—
OFFSHORE			
NEC-DWN-98/1	Deep Water areas of North East Coast Offshore (Bay of Bengal).		
NEC-OSN-97/1	North East Coast Offshore (Bay of Bengal).	1	Awarded
NEC-OSN-97/2	North East Coast Offshore adjoining the Coast of Orissa. (Bay of Bengal).	2	Awarded